# City of El Paso – Environmental Services Citizen Collection Stations Frequently Asked Questions

# 1. Can I bring Construction or Demolition Material (C&D) to the CCS if it is coming from my residence?

No, C&D is not allowed at the CCS even if it is coming from your residence.

#### 2. What is considered C&D?

The official definition in Title 9 is:

"Construction or Demolition Material" means material resulting from construction or demolition projects; includes all materials that are directly or indirectly the by-products of construction or work or that result from demolition of buildings and other structures, including, but not limited to, paper, cartons, plastic buckets and drums, gypsum board, wood, rebar, aluminum or vinyl siding, excelsior, rubber, plastics, concrete, asphalt, corrugated cardboard, roofing tiles, asphalt shingles, tar paper, and floor tiles.

In practical terms, this includes any of the following:

Sheet rock

Carpet and/or padding

Kitchen cabinets

Lumber or Wood

Rocks, dirt, bricks, cinder blocks, concrete etc

Roofing materials

Ceiling tile

Insulation

Siding

Doors and windows

Vinvl or Ceramic Tile

Linoleum

Wood Fencing

Plumbing – PVC pipes

**Paneling** 

Skirting plastic from mobile homes

Remodeling debris

#### 3. If I have trash associated with a commercial business can I take it to the CCS?

The CCS only accept waste from residential customers in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules.

## 4. If I do have C&D or commercial waste where can I take it?

The City's Greater El Paso Landfill located at 2300 Darrington Road will accept C&D or waste from commercial businesses. The cost is \$26/ton with a minimum charge of \$16. All commercial customers are weighed in at the landfill. Unsecured loads will also be

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charged a \$5 surcharge. The landfill hours are Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

El Paso C&D, a privately owned company also accepts and recycles C&D. El Paso C&D is located at 12520 E. Pellicano Drive located southwest of Pellicano Drive and Aviation Way just off of the loop 375. Contact 915-256-1908 or visit <a href="www.elpasorecycling.net">www.elpasorecycling.net</a> for pricing or further information. Hours of Operation are Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday - 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Another option that may be more convenient for Westside residents is the privately owned Camino Real Landfill located at 1000 Camino Real Boulevard. Contact 575-589-9440 for further information

# 5. Who can utilize the CCS sites?

Only residential customers who are customers of the City of El Paso Solid Waste (residents with City trash and recycling collection service). Every customer must bring their current El Paso Water Utilities water bill (within the last 3 months) and corresponding photo ID to demonstrate this.

#### 6. What if I live in the County, can I use the CCS?

No. See above response to Question 4 for disposal options or contact your solid waste collection provider for options.

## 7. What if I pay my water bill electronically (on-line)?

If you pay your bill on-line you can print a copy or show the bill on your mobile device. Alternatively, you can obtain a printed copy from the Environmental Services offices at 7968 San Paulo, Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## 8. What if I pay my water bill through my bank using a bill pay service?

You can use WebConnect, which is an El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) services that will allow a customer to register to view their current balance, billing history and payment history. A copy can of this information can be printed and presented in lieu of the water bill. The following is a link to this service <a href="http://www.epwu.org/online\_services/">http://www.epwu.org/online\_services/</a>. If further information is needed, contact EPWU Customer Service at 594-5566 Press 6.

## 9. Can I bring a trailer to the site?

Single axle trailers are allowed at the CCS. Double axle trailers 4-feet or longer are not allowed.

## 10. Can I take my recyclable materials to the CCS?

Yes, at the CCS there are separate containers for recyclable items (Plastics #1 - #7, Cardboard, Paper, and Metal cans) and scrap metal. However, if you have a large quantity of recyclables, such as from a business, you can contact Friedman Recycling and arrange to take them directly to the recycling facility. Friedman Recycling is located at 5835 Wren Road (Phone # 755-3900).

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#### 11. Can I dispose of used tires at the CCS?

Yes, residents can dispose of up to 8 tires per year without rims. No commercial tires are allowed, which includes any tires 20 inches or larger.

## 12. Does the City recycle brush, trees or yard waste?

Yes, currently the City has a program to produce mulch from brush material. The mulch is available to residents at the CCS year round.

# 13. Where can I dispose of a tree trunk or stump?

Refer to Question 4 for landfill disposal options. Tree trunks or stumps cannot be disposed of at the CCS since it is difficult to lift them into the containers. Residents can also request a bulk waste pickup by contacting Environmental Services at 212-6000. The cost is \$70 for up to 5 cubic yards and \$7 for each cubic yard thereafter.

#### 14. What's the maximum load accepted at the CCS?

4 cubic yards, which is equivalent to a full pick-up truck load. For standard bed pick-ups this is a full load that is approximately 3-foot high above the bed of the pick-up.

#### 15. Can I bring chemicals or other liquid waste to the CCS?

Yes, the CCS accept Household Hazardous Waste from residential customers who meet the requirements for using the site. Household Hazardous Waste materials accepted include: oil, oil filters, paints, antifreeze, cooking oil, pesticides, herbicides, cleaning chemicals, and other potentially hazardous waste generated by a household. Fluorescent light bulbs and batteries are also accepted.

Hazardous waste or liquid waste from commercial businesses are not accepted at the CCS. A liquid or hazardous waste disposal company should be contacted for these services.

## 16. Can I bring my old TV or other electronics to the CCS?

Yes, the CCS currently accept TV's, computers and other electronics for recycling. These items are only accepted from residents who meet the requirements for using the site. Commercial businesses should contact an electronics recycling company for there services.

# 17. Is medical waste accepted at the CCS?

Yes, household medical waste such as sharps (used needles) are accepted at the CCS. Place your sharps in a puncture resistant container such as a detergent or bleach container and label the container. The CCS attendant should be informed of the materials so they can be handled as Household Hazardous Waste.

## 18. Where can I take old medication?

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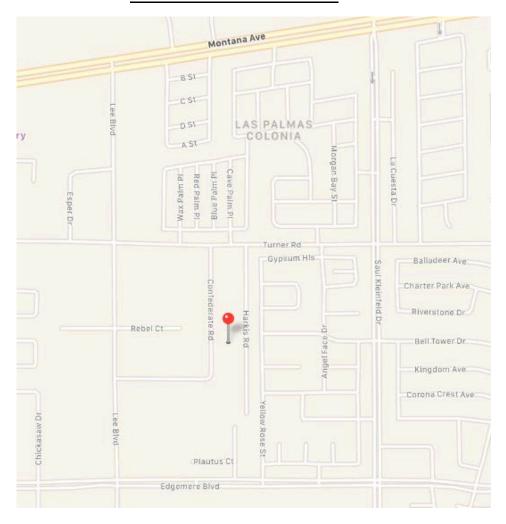
Twice a year the Drug Enforcement Agency has Drug Take Back events throughout the City. Refer to <a href="http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\_disposal/index.html">http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\_disposal/index.html</a> for information pertaining to the next Drug Take Back Event.

If a drug-take back event is not available, the DEA website has additional information pertaining to the disposal of unused medications. The steps include:

- 1. follow the disposal information on the label,
- 2. never flush the drugs down the toilet unless instructions specify to do so,
- 3. throw the drugs in the household trash, but first:
  - a. take them out of there original container and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as coffee grounds or kitty litter.
  - b. Put them is a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the medication from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

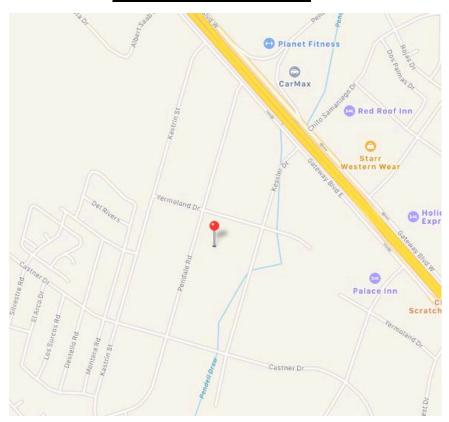
## 19. Where are the CCS located?

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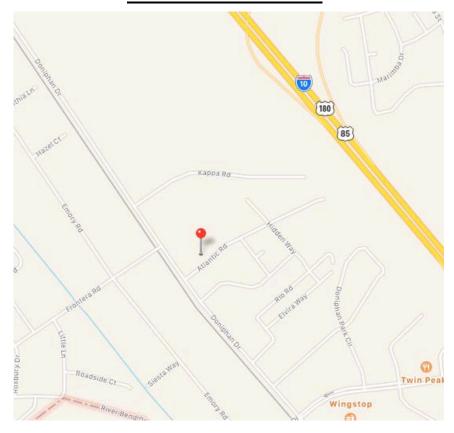


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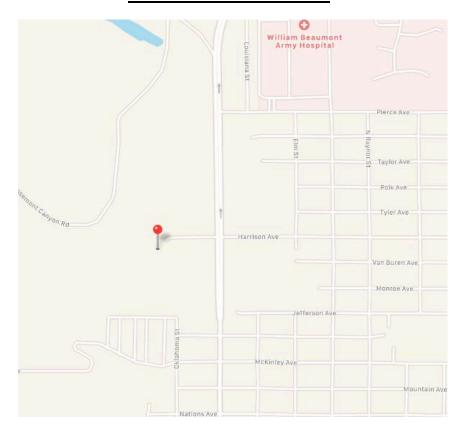


Westside CCS – 121 Atlantic

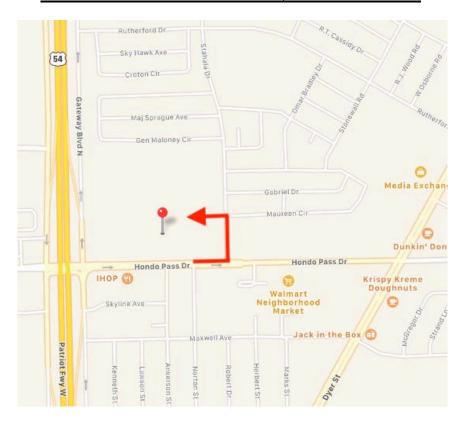


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# Central CCS - 2492 Harrison



# Northeast CCS - 4501 Hondo Pass (entrance on Stahala



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